

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 pm
Room: 152

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 85, HB 93, HB 105

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

COMMENTS:

Rep. Arlene Becker
REP. Arlene Becker, Chairman

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Rep. Mary Caferro	X	
Rep. Pat Ingraham	X	
Rep. David Howard	X	
Rep. Julie French	X	
Rep. Timothy Furey	X	
Rep. Ken Peterson	X	
Rep. Michael More	X	
Rep. Chuck Hunter	X	
Rep. Dave McAlpin	X	
Rep. Jeffery Welborn	X	
Rep. Cary Smith	X	
Rep. Diane Sands	X	
Rep. Pat Noonan	X	
Rep. Ron Stoker	X	
Rep. Bill Beck	X	
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Re: Opposition to HB 85, EMS grant program

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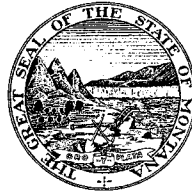
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Bill No. HB 93 Sponsor(s) Rep. Sands

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Forrest Merrill	Missoula Cnty 911	X		
Susan Bonstad	Missoula 911	X		
Rita Charles	AARP Montana	X		
Cliff Christian	Am Heart Assn	X		
Mike Foster	Catholic Hospitals	X		
James Laidler	MT EMS Alliance	X		
Bob Olsen	MT Hospital Assn	X		
Tim DeTonne	OPHHS	X		
Todo				
Robert Allen	Montana Nurses Assn.	X		
Brian McGinnis	N.A. Cancer Society	X		
Steve Helgeson	DTAHS	X		
Kristen Virag		X		
Karen Addison		X		
Paquet Jones		X		
Justin Grehs	Montana EMS Assn	X		
Nick Hill	MT LAD			
LINDA SELL	Ass'n of MT Public Health OFFICIALS MPTA	X		
Angus MacIner	LAD	X		

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Bill No. HB 105 **Sponsor(s)** Rep. Kottel

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
<i>Mike Pelt</i> Cliff Chustian	Am Heart Assn	✓		
Catholic Hospitals	Catholic Hospitals			✓
Melanie Reynolds	MPHA + AMPHO	✓		
Marge Levine	MT PCA	✓		
Bob Olsen	MT Hosp Assoc			✓
Jude Hamell	DPHHS	✓		
Rita Charles	ACRP Montana	✓		
Anita Polssmann	DISABILITY RES INT	✓		
<i>Rep. Sue Rickerson</i>	MD25/self	✓		
LINDA STOLL - ^{426 S. MT Ave} Helena	Assoc of MT Pub. Health Offc. MPHA	✓		
Casey Hursh	Carroll College Nursing Student	X		
Bray Johnson	Carroll College Student Nurse	X		
Barrel Jones	Carroll College student	X		
Kara addison	Carroll nursing student	X		
Kirsten Virag	Carroll nursing student	✓		
Kimie Brady	Carroll nursing	✓		

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